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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI/DDCI Meeting with Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs, 20 December 1984

1. On Thursday, 20 December 1984, the DCI and DDCI met with Mr. McFarlane. This was a short meeting; Mr. McFarlane was called out to consult on Ambassador selections.

2. The DCI opened with a review of the arms verification state of play with which Mr. McFarlane generally agreed.

3. Mr. McFarlane noted he would go to the West Coast on 29 December to see the President, and if there was anything that the DCI needed to get to the President he could take it along. The DCI noted that he would be sending a letter to the President on the arms control/verification issues.

4. Regarding Senator Goldwater's comments on the MX missiles, Mr. McFarlane plans to stop off and visit the Senator to discuss this subject. He noted that the President had called Senator Goldwater to discuss MX and the latter seemed to back off and apparently has an open mind on the subject.

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7. The DCI noted that he had discussed the idea of a joint oversight committee with Senator Dole giving his reasons for and against such an arrangement. He noted that 21 Senate Democrats are interested in the SSCI, that Senator Byrd was holding to the eight year rule, and in that event, Senator Durenberger would probably get the nod.

8. The DCI spoke on the Gorbachev/Thatcher visit and the fact that it gave Gorbachev a platform for world media on arms control/SDI. The DCI noted his letter to the President on this subject, which Mr. McFarlane confirmed had gone to the Oval Office. The DCI said he was impressed by the President's comments at the last NSC on SDI and noted that Ambassador Nitze seemed to be coming around--separate offensive from defensive.

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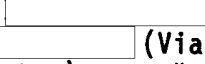
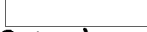
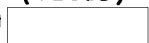
9. The DCI noted his conversation with Secretary Shultz and Ambassador Motley regarding leadership changes in Central America, noting that he did not wish to get involved, but was concerned about the signals being sent if Ambassadors Pickering, Negroponte and General Gorman were all to leave at the same time, and that Craig Johnstone, architect of the talks with the Nicaraguans, would be headed there. (Johnstone will not be going to Central America.) The DCI noted that Secretary Shultz was considering how to disengage from the Contadora process; it was not getting us anywhere.



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